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Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR:—"May I ask when the Local Government addressed the Government of India with regard to the total prohibition of the import of foreign rice?"

The Hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN:—"I am afraid I cannot give the exact date."

Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI:—"May I ask whether the Madras Government have addressed the Government of India to consider the advisability of revising this old treaty of 1800 or so with the Nizam's Government?"

The Hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN:—"After the reply is received from the Nizam's Government, the matter will be referred to the Government of India."

Mr. C. BASU DEV:—"May I ask whether the Government have considered the advisability of sending an officer of their own to the Nizam's Government to expedite their favourable reply?"

The Hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN:—"I am afraid, it is not possible."

Rao Bahadur C. NATESA MUDALIYAR:—"Is it a fact that if an import duty is placed on Siam rice, it will adversely affect the commercial relations between Siam and India?"

The Hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN:—"Possibly it might. It is a matter for the Government of India to consider."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR:—"May I ask when this marketing officer is likely to be appointed and when the Provincial Marketing Board is likely to be constituted?"

The Hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN:—"I have said that it will be done at the beginning of the next financial year."

Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI:—"What are the functions of this Marketing Board; have any rules been framed for the purpose?"

The Hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN:—"No rules can be framed till the Board is appointed."

Measures for the prevention of the importation of foreign rice.

* 764 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state what action has been taken by the Madras Government to prevent import of foreign rice into this Province?

A.—The necessity for early action to prevent foreign imports effectively has been brought to the notice of the Government of India, and, as stated in answer to Question 278 given in November last, that Government is considering the question. The Local Government are not in a position to take any further steps in the matter.

Mr. A. B. SHETTY:—"May I ask whether this Government will make further representations to the Government of India and press on them the necessity for taking immediate steps to prevent the import of foreign rice?"

The Hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN:—" As I have said, this Government will go on making representations to the Government of India."

Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—" May I ask whether the Government of India have replied to any of the representations made by this Government?"

The Hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN:—" I have already replied to a similar question put by Mr. Lakshmana Reddi, the hon. Member from Anantapur."

The Hon. the PRESIDENT:—" The hon. Member was not then in his place."

Khan Bahadur MAHMUD SCHAMNAD SAHIB Bahadur:—" When was the last representation made to the Government of India? Was it during the course of last month?"

The Hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN:—" I should think so. As I said before, I cannot say definitely when it was made."

Co-operation

Liquidation of co-operative credit societies in Malabar in 1932–33.

* 765 *Q.*—Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many co-operative credit societies in Malabar have been liquidated in 1932–33;

(*b*) what the amount actually realized is in each of the cases by liquidation;

(*c*) what the Government establishment is that is engaged in the liquidation of these societies;

(*d*) for how long they have been on such work;

(*e*) whether the Government have ever investigated the real causes of the accumulation of these overdues and the necessity that has recently arisen for the liquidation of these societies;

(*f*) whether the Government have investigated whether the Malabar District Bank auditing staff have been conducting proper and regular audit of these societies; and

(*g*) what the number of societies is that were functioning at the end of the official year 1932–33?

A.—(*a*) Twenty-six.

(*b*) A statement [a] showing the collections made up to December 1933 in each of the societies liquidated is appended.

(*c*) Four Government Inspectors are engaged in the liquidation work of 77 societies including the 26 societies liquidated in 1932–33.

(*d*) One Inspector from 4th January 1928 to 7th April 1931; two Inspectors from 8th April 1931 to 30th April 1933; and four Inspectors from 1st May 1933 onwards.

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[a] Printed as Appendix IV on page 87 infra.